

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Akron, Ohio 44316-0001

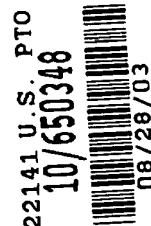
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Sir:

Re: Docket No. DN2001124D01

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/871,766, filed on June 1, 2001, of Daniel Ray Downing for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING ELASTOMERIC MATERIALS AND THE ARTICLE MADE BY THE METHOD, presently pending in Art Unit 3724.

1. Enclosed are the specification and drawings for the subject patent application and a copy of the originally filed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$750.00 to Account No. 07-1725. The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN THE APPLICATION

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| Basic Fee..... | \$750.00 |
| Additional fees: | |
| Total number of claims in excess of 20, times \$18.00..... | 0.00 |
| Number of independent claims minus 3, times \$84.00..... | 0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE..... | \$750.00 |

3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 07-1725. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.
4. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith.
5. Please enter the Information Disclosure Statement enclosed herewith.
6. The prior application is assigned to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company but has not yet been recorded.
7. The Applicant hereby incorporates by reference prior Application Serial No. 09/801,766, filed June 1, 2001, presently pending.

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8. The attached photocopy of the Declaration signed by the Inventor indicates that the Power of Attorney appearing in the original papers in the prior application is to:

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